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First Baptist Church of Cass - (Colored)

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This church was organized in 1917 by the Rev. I. H. Goodwin. Before the organization, services were held in the shanties and in the summer time, in the groves. Now their services are held in the school house.

The first members were:

John Parks

Joe Tyson

Tom Hunter

Carrie Hunter

John Greene

George Gilbert

Mattie Scott

Flora Davis

Charlie Davis

Ollie Davis

Minnie Gilbert

Emmanuel Tyson

The pastors have been:

Rev. I. H. Goodwin

" White from Monroeverte

" P. A. Burner from Davis

" I. A. Goodwin who serves this church now and has served it for the past nine years.

In 1.[illegible], the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company

gave the colored people a plot of ground between Deer Creek and Cass for a burial ground for the colored people. The bodies were moved to this cemetery. The White people of the community bought the wire, donated the fence posts and helped the colored people fence the cemetery.

There is an evergreen Sunday School here with an enrollment of thirty-five. The Supt. is Esther Tyson.

The Deacons of the church are:

George Gilbert

James Stewart

The B.Y.P.U. (Baptist Young Peoples Union) meets every Sunday at six o'clock. The president is Oliver Tyson.

The president of the Womens Missionary Society is Mrs. James Stewart.

Regular preaching services are conducted the second Sunday of each month by the Rev. Goodwin. Once each month Rev. Amos Tyson preaches in this church.

The church has been sending money to Africa regularly and gave last year to the Flood Relief Fund. They also take up contributions for the poor.

There are a number of white people in Cass who contribute regularly to the support of the church. Mr. L. J. Shaffer, Supt. of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company gives ten dollars each year and also pays their light bill. Mr. R. S. Hickman, Manager of the company store contributes the same amount as Mr. Shaffer. Many other white people contribute.

The Rev. Thurr, pastor of the Cass Presbyterian Church

helps and encourages this church.

At the present time the congregation is trying to raise the money to buy a church and they hope to have a building of their own in the very near future.

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